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SUBJ: PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI BRIEFED RE SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP

1. ON FEBRUARY 27 I BRIEFED PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI RE SECRETARY VANCE'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP, STRESSING INTER ALIA (A) SECRETARY'S DESIRE TO TOUR THE AREA EARLY IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING PERSONAL CONTACT WITH AREA LEADERS AS WELL AS OF LISTENING TO THEIR VIEWS, (B) US COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH AREA GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE PROGRESS THIS YEAR TOWARD PEACE AND SPECIFICALLY TO POINT TOWARDS HOLDING THE
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GENEVA CONFERENCE SOME TIME IN EARLY FALL, (C) PRESENT NEED TO ANALYZE BOTH PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN ORDER TO DECIDE HOW USG MIGHT BE USEFUL TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS ALONG IN THE FUTURE. I ALSO TOLD AL-HAMDI THAT INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO THE ARAB AND ISRAELI LEADERS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER THIS SPRING AND THAT FOLLOWING THESE MEETINGS THE USG WILL THEN DECIDE WHAT ELSE HAS TO BE DONE TO MOVE TOWARDS

GENEVA. I EMPHASIZED THAT THE ROAD TO GENEVA WILL BE DIFFICULT AND THAT GENEVA ONCE REACHED WILL BE EQUALLY DIFFICULT. I FINISHED BY UNDERSCORING US DETERMINATION TO WORK WITH ALL CONCERNED TO FACILITATE A SOLUTION TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM.

2. AL-HAMDI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING AND LIMITED HIS COMMENTS TO REITERATING EARLIER EXPRESSED POSITION OF NEED FOR PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA WHETHER BY SEPARATE DELGATION OR AS PART OF OTHER ARAB DELEGATIONS. ALHAMDI COMMENTED THAT IF PALESTINIANS ARE NOT INVOLVED EARLY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, HE DOUBTS THERE WILL BE ANY MOVEMENT TOWARDS SETTLEMENT. AL-HAMDI ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE PLO IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS AND SHOULD BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY LEAVING THE PROBLEM OF INTERNAL PLO POLICITS TO THE PALESTINAINS THEMSELVES. IN THIS REGARD, HE THOUGHT ARAFAT, IF ACCORDED A ROLE IN THE UP-COMING NEGOTIATIONS, WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE ELEMENTS WITHIN THE PLO WHICH DO NOT FAVOR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. AL-HAMDI CONCLUDED THAT THE US HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THAT IF THE US SUCCEEDS IN PLAYING ITS ROLE JUSTLY AND IMPARTIALLY THE ARAS WILL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL BECAUSE SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM WILL MEAN PERMITTING THE REGION TO TURN TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL BENEFIT EVERYONE IN THE AREA. HE SAID THAT THE PRAYERS AND HOPES OF THE ARABS ARE WITH
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THE US AND ITS LEADERS AT THIS CRITICAL TIME.
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